



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Aiken Elementary School
Aiken County
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 827
Principal: Rebecca M. Koelker
Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt
Board Chair: Mrs. Rosemary B. English

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Good	Below Average	TBD	TBD	C	Focus
2012	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	A	Focus
2011	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Not Met	N/A

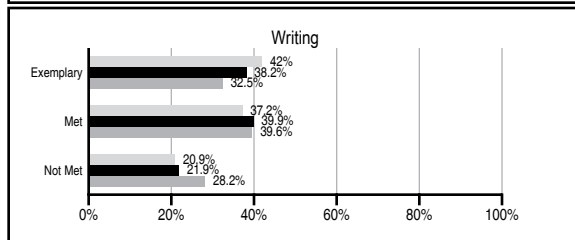
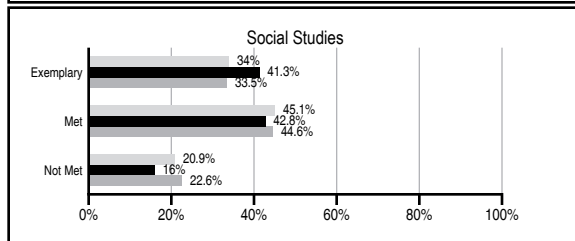
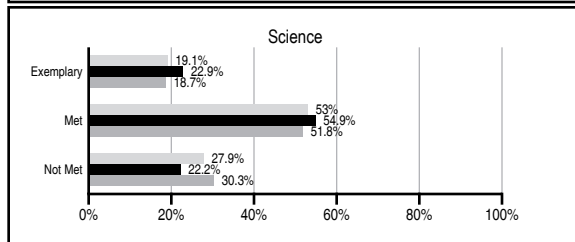
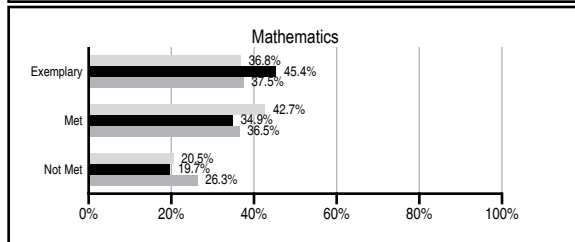
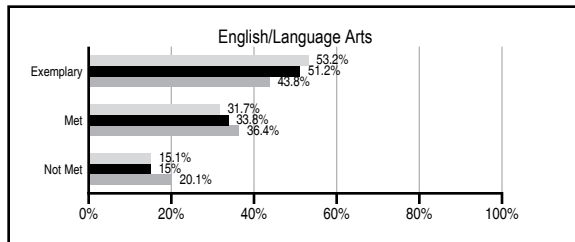
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
42	36	11	0	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=827)				
Retention rate	2.4%	Up from 1.7%	0.9%	0.9%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Down from 97.3%	96.4%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	11.9%	N/A	9.7%	7.2%
With disabilities	8.6%	N/A	11.7%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	2.7%	N/A	1.4%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=49)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.3%	Up from 57.1%	65.1%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	91.8%	Down from 93.9%	86.8%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.1%	Down from 92.9%	89.7%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Up from 93.7%	95.1%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,250	Up 3.0%	\$49,450	\$48,193
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.2 days	Up from 7.3 days	12.0 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.2 to 1	Up from 21.2 to 1	20.8 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 89.6%	90.4%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 93.6%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,427	Up 3.7%	\$6,965	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.0%	Down from 73.0%	69.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.0%	Down from 70.0%	67.0%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	73.6	Down from 91.1	90.9	88.0

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	26	150	46
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.4%	85.3%	87%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.8%	77.2%	84.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.4%	86.7%	83%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Aiken Elementary is a student-centered, high-achieving, award winning school serving over 800 students from pre-school to fifth grade; and including a pre-school special education classroom and an autism academy. Our school has an outstanding staff dedicated to helping all students grow and succeed. We have enjoyed continued support from our parents and the community. Our PTA Board and School Improvement Council are instrumental in our planning and improvement process. Our awards are numerous: National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, Palmettos' Finest, South Carolina Dept. of Education Red Carpet School, and the many Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards (nine in all), including a Gold and Silver Award for the 2012-2013 school year. Sustained high student achievement, based upon providing a rigorous standards-based curriculum, is a trademark of our school. The teachers and staff at Aiken Elementary work collaboratively to ensure consistency of learning across and within grade levels and content areas. We believe service learning and service to our community are important aspects of our offerings to students. These are vehicles for our students to learn good citizenship and compassion for others. In addition, we have a school-wide bully prevention program that includes students, faculty and staff, parents and community members. Our bully prevention program educates all stakeholders by providing a common understanding of what bullying is and all of the types of bullying behavior, how to prevent it, and how to respond when it occurs. We have weekly classroom discussions about bullying and other issues or concerns that our students may wish to address. We include all school personnel and parents in our efforts to make Aiken Elementary a safe and joyous place to work and play. Innovative learning experiences are a part of every day. Increasing the amount and effectiveness of technology for our students and staff is a focus for us. Aiken Elementary is a wireless building with multiple computer labs, iPads, iPods, and interactive white boards in every classroom. The technology plan has several long term goals and we are well on our way to providing cutting edge technology to every students and staff member every day. Aiken Elementary is a school of excellence. Aiken Elementary is a community school. Aiken Elementary is a school to be proud of. We are the Explorers and we seek knowledge and understanding. We are life- long learners and we enjoy every day spent at Aiken Elementary exploring and learning together.

Rebecca M. Koelker, Principal
Paula Simmons, SIC Chairperson

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